

The Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 24, 2006, in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano; Commissioners Brian Choiniere, William Mageau, Adrien Trudeau, Dennis Whitman; Vice Chairman Ann Polacek arrived at 6:05 pm.

Members Absent: Commissioner Thomas Partridge

Also in Attendance: General Counsel William Bernstein, General Manager Theodore Garille

Chairman Palmisciano called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Palmisciano led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Good and Welfare of the District

A. PUC Data Request – Docket No. 1725

• National Grid Data Response

Judith Allaire reviewed the number of electric termination notices sent and total number of customers terminated by Pascoag Electric during the month ending June 30, noting 1,100 notices were mailed and 60 customers had their electric service terminated. She also

reviewed the information provided by National Grid. Mr. Mageau made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Surge Protector Tariff Application

Mr. Garille reviewed the application filed with the Public Utilities Commission for a whole-house surge protection device to be installed on residential, business, or industrial customer's location to protect against surges. Mr. Choiniere made a motion supporting the tariff application, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Communications

- **Note from Jim Hoppe:** Mr. Whitman made a motion to receive and file, which was seconded by Ms. Polacek. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **Regular Meeting – June 29, 2006:** Mr. Mageau made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- **Water Subcommittee Meeting – July 20, 2006:** Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. Committee Comment

A. Water Subcommittee

Chairman Palmisciano provided an overview of the Water Subcommittee meeting held July 20, 2006, which included discussions regarding videographing wells 2 and 3 to assess existing damage.

5. Unfinished Business

At the request of Chairman Palmisciano, Mr. Choiniere made a motion to move items C, E, and F to New Business. The motion was seconded by Ms. Polacek. Following discussion with Mr. Garille, Mr. Choiniere amended his motion, to move items E and F to New Business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A. Harrisville Fire District Impact Fees

Mr. Bernstein reported to the Board that no new information has been received on the impact fees, and reiterated that these fees will depend on what sources of water within the Pascoag Utility District are active when they are implemented. Mr. Choiniere made a motion to table the item, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Calpine-Dighton Plant

Mr. Garille reported a British corporation has bid \$90 million for this plant; the bid by the public power bid was \$60 million. Mr. Choiniere

made a motion to table this item to the August meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Water Meters

Mr. Garille reported that Ocean State Meters had the lowest bid to replace the water meters in the District. He added meter replacement is part of the Capital Budget to be reviewed at the Finance Subcommittee meeting on July 25th.

D. Credit Card Tariff

Mr. Garille reported the tariff has been approved by the RI Public Utilities Commission and is in effect.

6. New Business

A. MMWEC – New Stony Brook Plant

Mr. Garille outlined the new 270 MW generating plant to be built by MMWEC at the existing Stony Brook site, adding Massachusetts municipals and Pascoag Utility District will have the first opportunity to purchase power from the plant. Energy New England has reviewed the project and confirmed it is highly efficient; the project will run 20 – 40 years. The preliminary figures indicate it would cost \$2.5 million to own 3 MW. The board requested Mr. Garille to invite the representatives from MMWEC to meet and discuss the project with them.

B. Power Supply – 2007: Resolution 06-011

Mr. Garille reviewed the options to providing on-peak and deficiency power for 2007, and recommended the lock-in pricing. There was discussion on the peaks and loads, as well as advantages and disadvantages of locking in. Mr. Whitman made a motion to empower the General Manager to lock in for on-peak and deficiency power for 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Hurricane Preparedness Checklist: Resolution 06-010 to approve sending the checklist as an insert with the August electric bills. Mr. Choiniere made a motion to approve Resolution 06-010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

D. Videography of Wells: Resolution 06-012

Ms. Polacek made a motion to empower the General Manager to expend up to \$2,500 to video wells 2 and 3 and report back to the Water Subcommittee and then full Board to make a decision of moving forward. The motion was seconded by Mr. Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

E. Options outlined in letter from the Department of Environmental Management: Resolution 06-013

Chairman Palmisciano outlined the two options for responding to the Department of Environmental Management, adding the recommendation from management and General Counsel is Option #1. Mr. Choiniere made a motion in favor of Resolution 06-013 to

support Option #1 in the Department of Environmental Management's letter dated June 30, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. Financial Reports

- **Electric Department – Period Ending May, 2006**

Ms. Allaire reviewed the reports with the Board. Mr. Mageau made a motion to receive and file, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- **Water Department – Period Ending May, 2006**

Following review of the reports, Mr. Choiniere made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Whitman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Brian Choiniere - Secretary

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